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PAYMENT OF 11.5 YEAR MAINTENANCE FEE

AND

**CORRECTION OF ERROR IN SMALL ENTITY STATUS
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.28 (c)**

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Sir:

Through error and in good faith, the Office was not notified of a loss of entitlement to small entity status regarding the above noted United States Patent. The patentee has determined that the office should have been notified of a loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to payment of the 7.5 year maintenance fee on May 9, 2008.

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Respectfully submitted,

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